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FOR ROACH

1. COMMUNIQUE AND MINUTES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMISSION BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPTELS. S AND T SUB-COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS CONFINED STRICTLY TO SCIENTIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST WITH NO APPARENT OVERLAP INTO CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

2. S AND T WORKING GROUP ON EXCHANGES AND INFORMATION STRESSED PROMOTION OF CLOSER CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE. SHORT-TERM AND LONG TERM VISITS OF SCIENTISTS RECOMMENDED AS MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING SUCH CONTACTS AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD IMPLEMENTING JOINT RESEARCH ENDEAVORS IN FIELDS IDENTIFIED BY THE SUBCOMMISSION. THE MOST IMPORTANT AND BASIC CRITERION OF THE EXCHANGE WOULD BE MUTUAL INTEREST WHEREBY
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THE JOINT VENTURE WOULD BE PLUS FOR BOTH SIDES.

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3. WORKING GROUP STRESSED FREE FLOW OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED U.S.-INDIA EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS PROGRAM (1967 AGREEMENT) AS EFFECTIVE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THIS FLOW.

4. WORKING GROUP SUGGESTED THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION COULD CONSIDER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN HIGH PRIORITY AREAS FROM AGENCIES DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

5. WORKING GROUP SUGGESTED EXPLORATORY BILATERAL CONFERENCES OR SEMINARS ON COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION COULD RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE NSF AND OTHER USG AGENCY FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAMS. THE U.S. NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE HAS ALREADY OFFERED ITS SERVICES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

6. IN THE HEALTH AREA, THE U.S. SIDE HAD SOME CONCERN OVER THE EFFECT OF THE SPLIT IN HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE ICMR AND THE UGC APPROVED ACTIVITIES AT UNIVERSITIES BECAUSE OF DIVERGENCE OF APPROACH IN THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

7. ON THE U.S. SIDE THERE WAS A VERY DEFINITE AWARENESS OF IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING LIAISON BETWEEN THE S AND T SUBCOMMISSION AND THE SUBCOMMISSION FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO JOINT INFORMAL MEETING OF AMERICAN DELEGATIONS AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

8. DR. WILLIAMS CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN HE RETURNS DELHI. WILLIAMS HAS COPY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE SUBCOMMISSION BRIEFING BOOK. KISSINGER

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